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SUBJ: BOLIVIAN LITHIUM: REUTHER ANNOUNCEMENT
OF FRENCH-BOLIVIAN DISCOVERY

1. REUTHER ANNOUNCEMENT REFERS TO FRENCH-BOLIVIAN STUDY OF SEDIMENTARY ROCKS, SALT LAKES AND EFFUSIVE IGNEOUS ROCKS OF SOTHERN ALTIPLANE FOR NON-METALIC AND OTHER POTENTIAL. SUBJECT LITHIUM DEPOSITS ARE IN SMALLER SALT LAKES SOUTH OF UYUNI AND COIPASA. LUIS RODRIGO IS BOLIVIAN PROJECT MANAGER AND IS WITH UNIVERSITY OF SAN ADRES. NOT FRENCH MINING COMPANY BUT ORSTOM, A RESEARCH ORGANIZATION WHICH WAS WORKING WITH UNIVSERSITY, THAT CLAIMS DISCOVERY. NO MENTION MADE OF FRENCH SEARCH FOR LITHIUM SINCE IT WAS NOT SPECIFICALLY THAT AT ALL. AFTER USGS DISCOVERY IN UYUNI BECAME PUBLIC, BOLIVIAN-FRENCH PROJECT ANNOUNCED IT HAD DISCOVERED LITHIUM. WE BELIEVE, AFTER USGS DISCOVERY ANNOUNCEMENT, THAT FRENCH GROUP ANALYZED SAMPLES OF BRINES ON HAND TO LOOK FOR LITHIUM.

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2. FYI. USGS TEAM TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED TO

ARRIVE SEPTEMBER 12.

3. IN DISCUSSIONS AUGUST 9 WITH GEOBOL IT APPEARS
THAT FRENCH (ORSTOM) WILL ACCOMPANY USGS ON FIELD
TRIP TO UYUNI AND COIPAZA AND WILL PERFORM
SEPARATE ANALYSES OF SAMPLES AS WEILL UNIVERSITY
OF SAN ANDRES.

4. WILL YOU BE RETURNING TO BOLIVIA IN SEPTEMBER?
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